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the race: the greater the antiquity, the more decided were these characters.

Dr. Morton thought that it would be now admitted that at the earliest period known, the groups of the human family presented as great diversity as at present. The Egyptian crania in his collection, taken from the identical tombs referred to, at the base of the great Pyramid, as well as those from Thebes and Memphis, when compared with the figures in Dr. Lepsius' plates, exhibited a most marked resemblance. The Egyptian tombs, although occupied by successive families, still contained the original occupants, and in all places presented skulls possessing the same peculiarities of type. The modern Egyptian Fellahs are the old Egyptians crossed with the Arabs. The skull of the old Egyptian cannot be confounded with that of any other race.

January 22d.

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Conrad read a paper, intended for publication in the Journal, entitled, "Descriptions of eight new species of Eocene Shells." Referred to Mr. Phillips, Dr. Griffith and Dr. Wilson.

A paper by Mr. Peter A. Brown, entitled "Examination and descriptions of the tegumentary appendages of the *Ornithorynchus paradoxus*," was read and referred to Mr. Phillips, Dr. Morton and Mr. Cassin.

Dr. Morton having resigned the Chair to Dr. Ruschenberger, made some remarks supplementary to those offered at the last meeting, and also in continuation of the subject of his Memoir on the size of the Brain in Man.

January 29th.

MR. PHILLIPS in the Chair.

The Publication Committee announced that Part 4, Vol. 1, New Series of the Journal would be ready for distribution at the next meeting, February 5th, 1860.

The Society, after the transaction of some other business, then proceeded to an election for Standing Committees for the ensuing year, with the following result:—

COMMITTEES FOR 1860.

Ethnology.

S. G. Morton,

J. S. Phillips,

Charles Pickering.

Comparative Anatomy and General Zoology.

Joseph Leidy,

S. G. Morton,

Edward Hallowell.